

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01645-DLF**

WATSON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/09/2018  
Date Terminated: 11/25/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/09/2018		<b>Initiating Pleading &amp; IFP Application Received on 07/09/2018.</b> A copy of the docket sheet has been mailed to the address of record for the pro se party. (zsb) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/09/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION filed by BOBBY KEITH WATSON.(zsb) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/09/2018	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by BOBBY KEITH WATSON (zsb) (tempaty2, ). (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/19/2018	<u>3</u>	FIAT ORDER granting <u>2</u> Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis "Leave to file without prepayment of costs GRANTED." Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 07/19/2018. (zsb) (Entered: 07/23/2018)

07/19/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zsb) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued as to U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zsb) (zsb). (Entered: 07/24/2018)
08/02/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 7/30/2018. (tth) (Entered: 08/03/2018)
08/03/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 8/2/2018. RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/2/2018. RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/2/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/1/2018.) (tth) (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/03/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE served on 8/2/2018. (tth) (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Order by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (McBride, Patricia); Modified text on 8/31/2018 (tth). (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Enlargement of Time. Accordingly, the defendants' response to the plaintiff's complaint shall be filed on or before October 3, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 31, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
08/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/3/2018. (JK) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>10</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. Accordingly, the defendants' response to the complaint shall be filed on or before November 2, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 3, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
10/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 11/2/2018. (JK) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
11/01/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendants' <u>11</u> Motion for Enlargement of Time, which the plaintiff does not oppose, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The defendants' response to the complaint shall be filed on or before November 14, 2018. Because this is the third extension sought by the defendants, no further extensions will be permitted. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 2, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/14/2018	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The status report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before

		December 18, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 20, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by BOBBY KEITH WATSON (zrdj) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/04/2018		MINUTE ORDER. On November 20, 2018, the Court entered an order requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file on or before December 18, 2018 a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. On December 3, 2018, the plaintiff filed a motion for summary judgment <u>13</u> . The plaintiff's motion is premature. Pursuant to the Court's November 20, 2018 order, the parties shall file a joint status report on or before December 18, 2018 that proposes a schedule for further proceedings and addresses the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 4, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/18/2018	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER. It has come to the Court's attention that the pro se plaintiff may not have received the Court's November 1, 2018, November 20, 2018, and December 4, 2018 minute orders. Accordingly, the due date for the parties' joint status report is extended to January 31, 2019 to give both parties additional time to comply with the Court's November 20, 2018 minute order requiring them to meet and confer and propose a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 18, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
01/22/2019	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by BOBBY KEITH WATSON. (tth) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
02/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The plaintiff's <u>15</u> Status Report and the defendant's <u>16</u> Status Report indicate that the parties have not yet complied with the Court's November 20, 2018 and December 4, 2018 minute orders directing them to confer. Both reports suggest that the parties have not conferred because the plaintiff believes it is futile to confer because he has filed a motion for summary judgment. As the Court made clear in its order of December 4, 2018, the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment is premature and will not be considered at this time. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the plaintiff shall comply with the Court's orders to confer with defense counsel to prepare a joint status report and propose a schedule for further proceedings. The joint status report shall be filed on or before April 3, 2019. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this minute order to the plaintiff at his address of record. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 13, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>17</u>	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM to re <u>15</u> Status Report filed by BOBBY KEITH WATSON. (ztd) (Main Document 17 replaced on 3/7/2019) (ztd). (Main Document 17 replaced on 3/8/2019) (ztd). (Entered: 03/06/2019)
04/04/2019	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Leave to File by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Errata JSR/Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/05/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>18</u> Motion for Leave to File; emailed to patricia.mcbride@usdoj.gov, cc'd 3 associated attorneys --- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Invalid attorney signature, 2. Please do not refile. Future filings must be signed by counsel. (zth, ) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>18</u> Motion for Leave to Late File their Joint Status Report. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 15, 2019. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this minute order to the plaintiff at his address of record. Signed Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 5, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 04/05/2019)

04/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/15/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/07/2019)
04/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER denying the plaintiff's <u>13</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, without prejudice, in light of the Court's December 4, 2018 Minute Order informing the plaintiff that his motion is premature. Once discovery is complete and the parties have filed a post-discovery status report, the Court will set a briefing schedule. At that time, the plaintiff may file a motion for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 25, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 16, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/19/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 31, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 26, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/31/2019. (kh) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 30, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/30/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/29/2019	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/29/2019)
08/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of defendants' <u>22</u> Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and submit a joint status report, including a proposed briefing schedule, on or before September 20, 2019. The plaintiff's continued failure to meet and confer may result in this case being dismissed. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 30, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>23</u>	MOTION for Leave to File by U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Status Report)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
10/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>23</u> Motion for Leave to Late File their Joint Status Report. The defendants have indicated that they have not been able to reach the plaintiff since July 29, 2019. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the plaintiff shall show cause on or before November 12, 2019 why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 83.23 of the Local Rules. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this minute order to the plaintiff at his address of record. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 15, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 10/15/2019)

11/25/2019	<u>24</u>	ORDER dismissing this case without prejudice for failure to prosecute. See text for details. The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 25, 2019. (Entered: 11/25/2019)
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